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**1 – State seeking assurances on WIPP safety, AP News, 5/15/14**

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oWAR4CzV](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oWAR4CzV)

The New Mexico Environment Department has ordered the federal government to explain how it will protect human health and the environment while it investigates a radiation leak at an underground nuclear waste repository. The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant has fallen out of compliance with various permit requirements since an underground fire and radiation leak shut down the facility in February.

**2 - 10,000 Gallons of Oil Spill on Los Angeles Streets, ABE News, 5/15/14**

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/50000-gallons-oil-spills-los-angeles-street-23727175>

Crews sopped up the remains of about 10,000 gallons of crude oil that sprayed into Los Angeles streets and onto buildings early Thursday after a high-pressure pipe burst. A geyser of crude spewed 20 feet high over approximately half a mile at about 12:15 a.m. and was knee-high in some parts of the industrial area of Atwater Village before the oil line was remotely shut off, said Fire Capt. Jaime Moore.

**3 – St. Tammany citizens group urges agencies to halt permitting processes for proposed oil well, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 5/13/14**

[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/05/st\\_tammany\\_citizens\\_group\\_urge.html#incart\\_river](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/05/st_tammany_citizens_group_urge.html#incart_river)

An attorney for a St. Tammany Parish citizens group has urged the Army Corps of Engineers and state Department of Environmental Quality to halt the permitting processes for an oil company that wants to drill near Mandeville, claiming the company's applications are deficient and violate state and federal regulations. If the agencies do not comply, the lawyer says Concerned Citizens of St. Tammany will seek temporary restraining orders from state and federal courts to stop the permitting review for Helis Oil & Gas Co. of New Orleans.

**4 – Drilling through aquifers is safe, commonplace in La., Oil & Gas Assn. president says, Times Picayune, 5/15/14**

[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/05/drilling\\_through\\_aquifers\\_is\\_s.html#incart\\_river](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/05/drilling_through_aquifers_is_s.html#incart_river)

Among the chief concerns of those who oppose a proposed fracking project in St. Tammany Parish is the fear that such a project could harm the Southern Hills aquifer that provides drinking water to the parish. Punching through the aquifer and pumping fluids containing chemicals into a horizontal well to fracture the shale and release oil could have devastating consequences if something goes wrong, opponents have said.

**5 – Company building oil and gas hub in Eddy County, Star-Telegram, 5/14/14**

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2014/05/14/5819381/company-building-oil-and-gas-hub.html>

A Texas company has begun construction on a rail hub to help bring supplies in and take oil and gas out of the heart of southeastern New Mexico's booming energy country. Rangeland Energy began construction on its 300-acre "Rio Hub" near Loving in Eddy County on Tuesday.

**6 – Cities try to restore wildness to urban rivers, Star Telegram, 5/14/14**

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2014/05/14/5819541/cities-try-to-restore-wildness.html>

The Buffalo Bayou is everything Houston city planners once despised: The small river that winds through glassy downtown hi-rises has gentle curves, a slow, meandering current and native grasses teeming with birds and insects.

More than half a century ago, millions were spent to tame the flood-prone channel, turning it into a straight sluice to carry excess water to the Gulf of Mexico.

#### **7 – Environmental groups ask EPA to regulate emissions from oil, gas wells, Bloomberg, 5/15/14**

[http://investing.businessweek.com/research/stocks/news/article.asp?docKey=600-201405150001KRTRIB\\_BUSNEWS\\_16081\\_34156-1&ex=true&ticker=OKE](http://investing.businessweek.com/research/stocks/news/article.asp?docKey=600-201405150001KRTRIB_BUSNEWS_16081_34156-1&ex=true&ticker=OKE)

A coalition of environmental groups asked the Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday to begin drafting regulations on emissions from oil and natural gas wells near urban areas, including thousands in Oklahoma. The petition, filed by 64 local, state and national groups, said the EPA should limit toxic air pollution from wells under the Clean Air Act.

#### **8 - Air Force says fuel cleanup will begin, Albuquerque Journal, 5/15/14**

<http://www.abqjournal.com/400257/news/air-force-cleanup-will-begin.html>

The Air Force is on schedule to have a small pilot project cleanup system installed and operating by July 1 to remove contaminants from a jet fuel spill, a Kirtland Air Force Base spokesman said Wednesday, meeting a state Environment Department mandate and avoiding threatened fines of up to \$10,000 a day. The system will be capable of pulling contaminants from an area about 50 feet across, a fraction of the mile-long area of contaminated groundwater, state and Air Force documents show – drawing fire from critics who say it isn't enough.

#### **9 – No Joke: Most Drinking Supplies Flush With "Potty Water", Texas Tribune, 5/14/14**

<http://www.texastribune.org/2014/05/14/dont-point-and-jeer-wichita-falls/>

The city of about 105,000 people has become the butt of late-night jokes and the subject of shocked headlines since officials decided to turn to treated sewer water to fill residents' drinking glasses. Turns out, though, the joke is on just about everybody else.

#### **10 – Texas launches \$2,500 incentive for CNG, electric vehicles, Fuel Fix, 5/14/14**

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/05/14/texas-launches-2500-incentive-for-cng-electric-vehicles/>

Drivers will now be able to get up to \$2,500 in state incentives to help purchase alternative-fuel vehicles, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced this week. Officials with TCEQ said it's the first time the agency has offered an alternative fuel vehicle incentive program specifically geared towards light-duty vehicles.